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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 58 (MAY 12, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 58TH MISSION WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS
FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 111800Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. COL IKUKU HAS REPORTED TO DDN THAT HIS FORCES HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO MORE THAN A HOSTILE PLATOON IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

B. NO FURTHER INFORMATION OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES REPORTED TO DDN.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. BG SINGA HAS REPORTED TO DDN THAT AS OF 110500Z MAY 77, COL IKUKU'S LEAD ELEMENT HAD ENTERED KASAJI (1022S/2327E).

B. DDN RECEIVED CONFIRMATION ON 11 MAY THAT BOTH KAFAKUMBA VILLAGE AND MISSION (0940S/2346E) WERE RETAKEN BY THE VUADI BATTALION.

C. TEN INFLATABLE BOATS, SUFFICIENT FOR 150 MEN, WILL BE DELIVERED TO FAZ ELEMENTS WEST OF THE LULUA RIVER ON 12 MAY, TO BE USED IN AN ATTACK ON KAPANGA (0821S/2235E) AND MUSUMBA (0820S/2239E).

D. NOW THAT IT APPEARS KASAJI IS BACK IN FAZ HANDS, DDN HAS ASSIGNED LUASHI (1055S/2336E) AS COL IKUKU'S NEXT OBJECTIVE ALONG THE KOLWEZI-DILOLO AXIS.

E. ON 10 MAY MOROCCAN FORCES ACCIDENTALLY PLACED MORTAR FIRE ON A FAZ POSITION, RESULTING IN 6 WIA. NO DETAILS ON LOCATION OR DESIGNATION OF ELEMENTS INVOLVED.

F. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT BG ELUMBA WAS "RELIEVED" AND FORCED TO RETIRE BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO LUIZA (1712S/2223E). LTC NGOYI IS NOW THE ACTING COMMANDER OF THE 5TH MILITARY REGION (KASAI OCCIDENTAL) AND LTC MABUNGU, CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMANDER OF THE BATTALION AT KATAPAKISHI (0816S/2248E), HAS BEEN NAMED THE KASAI SUB-SECTOR COMMANDER AS WELL.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT.

5. AIR:

A. THE EGYPTIAN MIRAGE PILOTS REMAIN AT KINSHASA'S NDJILI AIRPORT, ACCORDING TO THE EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER TO DDN. WHEN THEY WILL MOVE TO KAMINA BASE IS STILL NOT CLEAR.

B. FAZA ACCIDENTALLY ATTACKED A MOROCCAN ELEMENT WITH MACCHIS ON MAY 10, 1977. RESULTS WERE 1 KIA AND 18 WIA. NO DETAILS ON LOCATION OR DESIGNATION OF MOROCCAN ELEMENT INVOLVED.

C. ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN, THERE ARE TWO BUFFALOES AVAILABLE IN SHABA PLUS ONE C-130. A SECOND C-130 FLIES FROM KINSHASA TO SHABA EACH DAY. TOTAL OF THREE C-130 ARE OPERATIONAL.

D. NO DATA AVAILABLE ON RECON.

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6. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:
A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL. PRESS REPORTS ARE EMPHASIZING
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THAT ALTHOUGH MOBUTU IS IN KOLWEZI, HE CONTINUES TO "COORDINATE

AND DIRECT" ALL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY AFFAIRS OF THE NATION. OPPOSITION ELEMENTS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN VERY LOW PROFILE AS MOBUTU STRUTS FROM VICTORY TO VICTORY.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. KOLWEZI: PRESIDENT MOBUTU ANNOUNCED ON MAY 11 THAT HE WILL BE REMAINING IN KOLWEZI FOR THE DURATION OF THE HOSTILITIES. HE ANNOUNCED THAT KOLWEZI WILL SERVE AS THE CAPITAL OF ZAIRE FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. PRESS STORIES ELABORATE ON PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES INSTALLED THERE.

D. KAMINA: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

7. DOMESTIC PRESS: LOCAL MEDIA CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT SHABA MILITARY ACTIVITY. CHARACTERISTICALLY LITTLE OR NO SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED. "ELIMA" HEADLINES MOBUTU'S NEW HQ IN KOLWEZI, A "MINI MOUNT NGALIAMA", AND ANNOUNCES CAPITAL WILL BE IN KOLWEZI FOR DURATION OF MOBUTU'S UNSPECIFIED STAY. AIR WAR IS HIGHLIGHTED IN BOTH "SALONGO" AND "ELIMA" WITH EMPHASIS ON MOBUTU DEBRIEFING OF FAZA PILOTS. "NEVER IN THE MEMORY OF FAZ HAVE THE PILOTS BEEN SO HONORED" OPINES "ELIMA". "SALONGO" PROVIDES DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE GUIDE, INCLUDING OVERFLIGHT OF THE FRONT LINES. LARGE PLAY IS GIVEN TO A MARCH OF SUPPORT IN KOLWEZI WHERE BOTH THE ZAIRIAN AND WESTERN "GECAMINES" EMPLOYEES DEMONSTRATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU. EDITORIALS IN BOTH "ELIMA" AND "SALONGO" STRESS THE ECONOMIC DISLOCATION CAUSED BY THE WAR. "ELIMA" CHARGES ATTACK IS UNDERCUTTING ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY. "SALONGO" REFERS TO "FOREIGN VULTURES" WHO ARE STYMYING THE DEVELOPMENT STRUGGLE.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: MOBUTU CONTINUES TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION. FOLLOWING ON THE FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN ROMANIA'S CENTENNIAL (SITREP 55), MOBUTU HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT CEAUCESU MARKING THAT OCCASION.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO CONTACT REPORTED WITH
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